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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of

Inventor(s): Clinton J. McCutchen

For (title): Back-Flow Valve and Trigger for a Cleaning Machine

1. Type of Application

This transmittal is for an original (nonprovisional) application.

2. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) (Regular) or 37 C.F.R. 1.153 (Design) Application

11 Page(s) of Specification  
4 Page(s) of Claims  
6 Sheet(s) of Drawing(s)--Informal

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**B. Other Papers Enclosed**

2 Page(s) of declaration and power of attorney  
1 Page(s) of abstract

**3. Additional Papers Enclosed**

Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. 1.98)

Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)

Citations

**4. Declaration or Oath**

Enclosed

Executed by:  
\* inventor.

**5. Inventorship Statement**

The inventorship for all the claims in this application is the same.

**6. Language**

English

**7. Assignment**

An assignment of the invention to 4M Enterprises is attached. A separate "COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT (DOCUMENT) ACCOMPANYING NEW PATENT APPLICATION" is also attached.

**8. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. Section 1.16)**

Regular Application

| CLAIMS AS FILED  |              |                     |              |          |                                      |
|--|--------------|---------------------|--------------|----------|--------------------------------------|
| Claims   | Number Filed | Basic Fee Allowance | Number Extra | Rate     | Basic Fee 37 CFR 1.16(a)<br>\$740.00 |
| Total Claims<br>(37 CFR 1.16(c))                           | 20           | - 20 =              | 0 x          | \$18.00  | \$0.00                               |
| Independent Claims<br>(37 CFR 1.16(b))                     | 3            | - 3 =               | 0 x          | \$84.00  | \$0.00                               |
| Multiple Dependent<br>Claim(s), if any<br>(37 CFR 1.16(d)) |              |                     | +            | \$280.00 | \$0.00                               |

Filing Fee Calculation \$740.00

**9. Small Entity Statement(s)**

Applicant claims small entity status.

Filing Fee Calculation (50% of above) \$370.00

**10. Fee Payment Being Made at This Time**

Enclosed  
Filing Fee \$370.00

Recording assignment (\$40; 37 C.F.R. Section 1.21(h)) (See attached  
"COVER SHEET FOR ASSIGNMENT ACCOMPANYING NEW  
APPLICATION".) \$40.00

**Total Fees Enclosed** \$410.00

**11. Method of Payment of Fees**

Check in the amount of \$410.00 is attached.

**12. Authorization to Charge Additional Fees**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the following additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Account No. 03-1127.

37 C.F.R. Section 1.16(a), (f) or (g) (filing fees)

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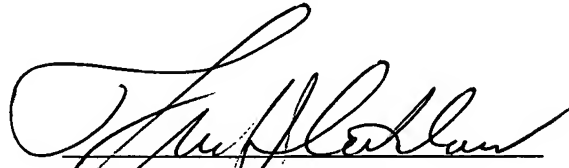
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|  | Title                | Back-Flow Valve and Trigger for a Cleaning Machine |
|  | Atty Docket Number   | 2117.01C   |

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